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District Man Sentenced to 26 Years in Prison for Fatally Shooting a Man Outside Downtown Nightclub

WASHINGTON – A 41-year-old District of Columbia man, Michael B. Jordan, has been sentenced to 26 years in prison for gunning down a man in April 2008 following a verbal altercation in a downtown nightclub, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor announced today.

Jordan was sentenced yesterday in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia before the Honorable Geoffrey M. Alprin. On December 18, 2008, Jordan pleaded guilty to Second Degree Murder while Armed for the fatal shooting of Mr. Edward Bedenbaugh III.

The government's evidence showed that on April 16, 2008, between 9:00 and 9:15 p.m., inside the club "The Meeting Place," in the 1700 block of L Street, Northwest (PSA 208), the defendant approached Mr. Bedenbaugh and another man. The defendant spoke to Mr. Bedenbaugh and the two began to argue. The defendant repeatedly told the decedent to meet him outside.

At approximately 9:15 p.m., the defendant left the club and the decedent remained inside. For one hour, until approximately 10:15 p.m., the defendant waited outside for the decedent. He stood in or near the alley across L Street and paced. At approximately 10:15 p.m., Mr. Bedenbaugh exited the club. The defendant came out of the alley and pointed his gun at Mr. Bedenbaugh. An eyewitness stood between them with his arms raised, attempting to shield the decedent and stop the defendant, without success. Mr. Bedenbaugh suffered five gunshot wounds to the back.

In sentencing the defendant, Judge Alprin stated, "This was a cold-blooded assassination," and that nothing could excuse or mitigate the defendant's behavior. Judge Alprin sentenced the defendant to one year less than the maximum for an offender of his

category under the Guidelines.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Taylor commended Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Milton Norris, William Xanten, Gail Russell Brown, Manuel Gaffney, Bryan Kasul, Daniel Lewis, Brian Waid, and Daniel Whalen, Sergeant Daniel Wagner and Officer Kevin Jeter. In addition, the U.S. Attorney praised the work of Victim's Advocate Marcia Rinker, Paralegal Specialists Lenney Lowe and Alesha Matthews, and Legal Assistant Doloris Young. Finally, he thanked AUSA Lynn Haaland, who prosecuted the case.

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